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From: Teresa Tenbrink on behalf of BitterSmith-Web
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 12:17 PM
To: 'JAMES G GLUECK'
Subject: RE: Interesting Way to Pay Taxes on Utility Company Dividends.

I understand your concern. However, the Commissioners are required by law to not comment on or communicate about cases because of "Ex Parte" rules. Ex parte means communications about a matter, which do not include ALL the parties. Commissioner Bitter Smith and her colleagues sit as judges and must weigh all the facts of a case and are prevented from speaking to the issue before all the evidence is heard.

Commissioner Bitter Smith values public input and comments concerning matters that come before the Commission for a decision. However, her final decision will not be made until the open meeting.

Thank you for being part of this important process.

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From: JAMES G GLUECK [<mailto:ujlucky@msn.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 11:51 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: RE: Interesting Way to Pay Taxes on Utility Company Dividends.

Thank you for your response. But all I was asking was if my understanding of how the Taxes on Utility Dividends would be paid is the official position of Commissioner Susan Bitter-Smith, and the other Commissioners. Straightforward question that deserves a straightforward answer, don't you think?

Thank you.

James Glueck

From: bittersmith-Web@azcc.gov
To: ujlucky@msn.com
Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2013 15:34:11 -0700
Subject: RE: Interesting Way to Pay Taxes on Utility Company Dividends.

Dear Mr. Glueck,

I am the executive assistant to Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith. I am responding to you at the direction of Commissioner Bitter Smith. We received the email you sent, and take your concerns very seriously. Your email regarding the Pima Utilities will be placed on file with the Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation

Commission ("Commission") to be made part of the record. The Commission will consider your comments before a decision is rendered in the Pima Utilities application.

The concerns raised in letters received from customers will assist the Commission in the investigation and review of the application. The Commission's independent analysis of the utility and its application attempts to balance the interest of the utility and its customers.

Commission Staff are very sensitive to the burden that high utility rates can place on the consumer, and though constitutionally required to allow a fair return to the utility, does everything within its authority to protect the consumer.

You can track the case's activity and progress by visiting the Commissions' e-Docket website, <http://edocket.azcc.gov/edocket/>, and entering the docket numbers W-02199A-11-0329 and SW-02199A-11-0330. They are consolidated numbers. We appreciate your comments and the interest taken on the proposed application.

For more information and clarity, I've attached a document that will hopefully clarify any questions. <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000140814.pdf>

Sincerely,

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From: JAMES G GLUECK [<mailto:ujlucky@msn.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 2:30 PM

To: Burns-Web; RBurns-Web; Pierce-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Stump-Web; JAMES G GLUECK

Subject: Interesting Way to Pay Taxes on Utility Company Dividends.

I have learned that the costs of the taxes on the dividends distributed to investors of the Utility Companies will be paid in an unusual manner. My understanding is the you, the Arizona Corporation Commission, are making the recommendation that the Utility Companies charge their customers an additional \$0.33 per month in water rates, and \$0.33 per month in electrical rates, to cover the costs of the taxes that must be paid on interest earnings by investors in the Utility Companies. In other words, we, the users of the utilities in the State of Arizona, will pay the tax burden on interest earned by the investors in the Utility Companies.

Can you all please verify this as your Official position on this issue.

I await your response.

Thank you.

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